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April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 840 million pounds of milk during April, up 6.5 percent from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 69.5 pounds, up 0.8 pound from April 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 403,000 head for April, up 20,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2014. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 64.3 pounds in April, 0.6 pound above April 2014. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 77,000 head more than April 2014, and 2,000 head more than March 2015.

Milk production, April

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Cows1,000 Hd	(¹)	383	403	(¹)	8,547	8,624
Daily rate per cowPounds	(¹)	68.7	69.5	(¹)	63.7	64.3
ProductionMil lbs	765	789	840	16,114	16,344	16,630

¹ Due to sequestration, only total milk production was published.